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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – ‘May Day’ Demonstrations to ‘Reopen California’ Arise Throughout the State

(U) ‘May Day’ also known as International Workers Day, occurred on 1 May, where public mass gatherings petitioned that statewide stay-at-home orders be lifted this weekend so people can get back to work. Six demonstrations, organized by groups called “We Have Rights,” and “Re-Open California” took place around noon in downtown Los Angeles, Huntington Beach, Sacramento, San Diego, Ventura, and San Francisco. Rallies were also scheduled on Friday at Southern California beaches, which were closed by order of Governor Gavin Newsom after large crowds descended last weekend. A fight broke out at one of the events, but as demonstrations continued Saturday, police said they were largely peaceful.

SOURCE: 1 May 2020, [CBS LA](#)

(U) Pomona – Assault Rifles, High-Capacity Magazines Recovered from Pomona Home

(U) Police have announced the arrest of several suspects in an illegal weapons seizure in Pomona. A search warrant was served at about 11:35 p.m. on Friday, authorities said. More than a dozen weapons were recovered, some which were non-California compliant assault rifles and outlawed high-capacity magazines.

SOURCE: 3 May 2020, [CBS LA](#)

(U) Yuba City – Yuba and Sutter Counties to Lift Shelter-in-Place Orders, Businesses to Reopen

(U) Yuba and Sutter counties are lifting their shelter-in-place orders on Monday, with several businesses slated to reopen. The bi-county health officer wrote an order Friday that authorizes the reopening of restaurants, personal care services, retailers, shopping malls and gyms so long as modifications are made to ensure social distancing of six-foot physical distance between customers, and frequent sanitization of shared surfaces. Bars, schools, theaters and large outdoor venues will remain closed, and social gatherings of more than 10 people are still prohibited. The two counties have a combined 50 confirmed cases of the virus and a death toll of three.

SOURCE: 2 May 2020, [SF Gate](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – More Than 20-Thousand COVID-19 Deaths Linked to Nursing Homes in US

(U) Washington – More than 20,000 residents of nursing homes have reportedly died from COVID-19 in the US from a nationwide death toll of 66,760. While the federal government has yet to release numbers on how COVID-19 has affected nursing homes, Associated Press reporting of state health departments and media reports, finds that at least 20,058 deaths have occurred in nursing homes and long-term care facilities nationwide. New York leads the nation in deaths in such facilities with about 4,000, one-fifth of the nation's known nursing home and long-term care deaths.

SOURCE: 3 May 2020, [AP](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Government to Ship ‘Tens-of-Thousands’ of Courses of Remdesivir

(U) Washington – The federal government will begin shipping "tens-of-thousands" of courses of remdesivir early this week and will decide where the medicine goes, according to Gilead Sciences, the maker of the investigational drug. In early results from a trial sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, remdesivir was found to shorten the duration of illness in patients with severe COVID-19, but it had no statistically significant effect on whether patients died.

SOURCE: 3 May 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) Illinois – More Than 1,000 Chicago-Bound Test Kits Seized by CBP in 45 Days

(U) Chicago – Since the beginning of the pandemic, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers have seen an increase in unapproved or counterfeit COVID-19 tests being shipped through the mail system. At Chicago O'Hare's International Mail Facility, which processes 20% of all the international mail coming into the US, CBP has seized 11 shipments containing 1,147 prohibited test kits. The value of these kits is \$10,847, and most of the kits seized came from the UK.

SOURCE: 1 May 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) New York – Seven Northeastern States to Form Regional Medical Equipment Consortium

(U) New York City – New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a new regional partnership with seven northeast states—New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts—to form a purchasing consortium to obtain medical equipment and supplies. The consortium will purchase \$5 billion worth of equipment and supplies that will include personal protective equipment, tests and ventilators, Cuomo said. This new partnership will make the states more competitive in the international marketplace, save taxpayer money and help the region acquire medical equipment, Cuomo added.

SOURCE: 3 May 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Nine of 22 Victims of Shooting Died in Fires Set by Gunman

(U) Nova Scotia – Newly released details about the mass shooting that spanned 16 crime scenes revealed that, of the 22 people killed, 13 were shot and nine died in house fires, according to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). RCMP said the gunman also killed or wounded animals and pets that he found at the homes. Police believe Gabriel Wortman, 51, acted alone in the shootings and arsons. He posed as a police officer, wearing an RCMP uniform and driving what looked like a police cruiser during a lengthy manhunt across the Canadian province, police said.

SOURCE: 3 May 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) Egypt – Egyptian Security Forces Kill 18 Suspected Militants in North Sinai

(U) North Sinai – Egypt's interior ministry said 18 suspected militants were killed in North Sinai in a firefight with security forces, two days after a deadly blast claimed by the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) caused at least 10 casualties. National security received intelligence about terrorist elements hiding out in a home in Bir al-Abed, where they were planning to launch hostile operations. Their hideout was targeted and a firefight ensued. Security forces found 13 automatic weapons, two explosive belts, and three other explosive devices in their possession, the ministry added.

SOURCE: 3 May 2020, [AFP](#)

(U) Russia – Fourth Consecutive Record Single-Day Increase of COVID-19 Infections Reported

(U) Moscow – Russia reported 10,633 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, its fourth record single-day increase in a row. The country's total number of cases is now 134,687, the seventh-highest number in the world. A total of 1,280 deaths has now been recorded, the country's coronavirus response

headquarters said in a statement, adding that around 50% of the cases were asymptomatic. Moscow, the country's worst-hit city, accounts for more than a half of total cases.

SOURCE: 3 May 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) Spain – Businesses in Spain to Begin Reopening

(U) Madrid – Some businesses will start to reopen in Spain on Monday as the country starts "Phase Zero" of loosening COVID-19 restrictions. Following eight-weeks of strict confinement since a country-wide state of emergency was declared on 14 March, the process of transition in Spain will be gradual. The four phases will be determined by a "series of indicators, such as the strategic capacities available in the healthcare system," officials say. Some of these indicators include being able to test and identify sources of contagion and the ability to isolate and control those sources

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